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SUBJECT: CANADIAN MEDIA REACTION TO NOMINATION OF WALTER MONDALE FOR VEEP

AS WITH THE GLOBE AND MAIL, THE TORONTO STAR OF 16 JULY HAS AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSING PLEASURE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HAS CHOSEN SEN. WALTER MONDALE AS VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDATE. THE CHOIC OF SEN. MONDALE HAS "GIVEN CANADA A BONUS IN THE EVENT THE TEAM WINS THE NOVEMBER ELECTION - A HIGHLY PLACED WASHINGTON FIGURE WHO KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THIS COUNTRY." AS MONDALE IS "ONE OF THE SENATE'S BETTER AND MORE INDEPENDENT MINDS ...AND CARTER PROMISES TO GIVE HIS VICE-PRESIDENT REAL WORK AND POWER IF ELECTED, INSTEAD OF THE THUMB-TWIDDLING THAT OFTEN GOES WITH THE OFFICE...CANADA SHOULD BENEFIT FROM MONDALE'S KNOWLEDGE OF US AND OUR PROBLEMS. ONE OF THESE, A PROSPECTIVE SCARCITY OF NATURAL GAS, HAS BECOME MINNESOTA'S PROBLEM TOO, BECAUSE CANADA HAS HAD TO CUT BACK SHARPLY ITS EXPORTS TO THAT STATE. MONDALE HAS REACTED REASONABLY TO THIS. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT CANADA HAD TO PROTECT ITS OWN RESOURCES. "WE WOULD DO THE SAME". HE HAS ALSO SAID THAT CANADA'S INDEPENDENCE IS A GIVEN FACT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SITUATION WHICH THE U.S. MUST ACCEPT. HE WOULDN'T BE OUR MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE, OF COURSE. BUT HE SOUNDS LIKE HE'D BE A GOOD MAN FOR US TO HAVE THERE."

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